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Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS, (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-36)

TO: Joe DeHerrera – KEWN-4
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Yakima Basin Side Channels – Dixon Acquisition

Project No: 1997-051-00

Budget No: F3764

Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS): 4.15 Acquisition of sensitive riparian resources

Location: One mile east of Cle Elum, Kittitas County, Washington.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Yakama Nation.

Description of the Proposed Action: The goal of this project is to permanently protect this 30.7-acre parcel containing sensitive habitat for anadromous fish. The existing habitat on this parcel is in excellent condition and no rehabilitation is required. Minor weed control consisting of hand-pulling of weeds is the only active management proposed. Public access will be allowed, but not advertised. A management plan is being prepared by the Yakama Nation.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Scott Nicolai of the Yakama Nation and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

Bald eagle, Middle Columbia steelhead, and bull trout are the only listed threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the project. BPA has determined that the transfer of property ownership and generally passive management planned for this parcel would not affect these listed species. This concludes the requirement for informal consultation on threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

From a literature and records search by Archaeological and Historical Services, no known historical or archeological sites are located within the parcel. The Yakama Nation has also been consulted. None of the planned management activities would affect cultural resources.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Sections 7.6A.1 and 7.6A.2 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. This Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD, and; 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist